of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant factor cost, was fixed at 6.5 per cent on average per annum for the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-98 to 2001-2002), Against this, the economy has achieved annual average growth rate of 5.75% during the first four years (1997-98 to 2000-01) of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission is in the process of formulating the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Development Schemes

†598. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
LALAN' SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several schemes arc being implemented by Government for development of country;

(b) if so, the number of such schemes at present;

(c) the average annual expenditure being incurred thereon;

(d) whether Government arc considering to bring down this number; and

(c) if so, the proposed number of such schemes and the reasons for bring down the number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various Central Ministries/Departments of Government of India arc concerned with Central Schemes/Centrally Sponsored Schemes falling within their purview and these schemes arc implemented/monitored by the respective Ministries/Departments. The details of different schemes being implemented by various Ministries/Departments along with their outlays arc available in the Annual Expenditure Budget Vol. II of Union Government and sub-Head wise details of expenditure on various schemes is available in the performance budget of the respective Ministries/Departments.

(c) A statement on Central Plan Outlay/Expenditure during the Ninth Plan period is enclosed. *(See* below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(d) and (c) The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech 2001-02 has mentioned that all existing schemes both at the Central/State level would be subject to Zero Based Budgeting and emphasised the need to retain only those schemes that arc demonstrably efficient and essential. The issue of transfer, convergence and weeding out of schemes also came up for discussion in the Full Planning Commission meetings held on 27th and 29th June, 2001. In view of this, the Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments have been advised to complete this exercise before the commencement of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Statement

Central Plan Outlay/Expenditure during the Ninth Plan Period

Central Plan Outlay for Ninth Plan (1997-2002)

(Rs. in Crore)

	Plan Outlays
Ninth Plan Approved Outlay	489361.00
1997-98 (Actual expenditure)	70861.41

Central Plan Outlay for Ninth Plan (1997-2002)

(Rs. in Crorc)

	Plan Outlays
1998-99 (Actual Expenditure)	83724.64
1999-2000 (RE)	96309.94
2000-01 (RE)	108586.51
2001-02 (BE)	130181.34

Special status to J and K and Assam

599. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI
V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has recommended a special status to Jammu and Kashmir with retrospective effect from 1969 to